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Editorial Notes

THE London date line may now go away back and sit down.

THE Hood-Martindale controversy got a fresh start at Topeka Wednesday.

OUR idea of a curiosity is the man who still believes he is for Mr. Bryan.

WE fear that Mr. Craddock's explanation has slid off onto a siding somewhere.

THE meanness thing they have been able to say of W. J. Bailey is that he is unmarried.

WE hope Senator Carmack isn't staking his political reputation on Maine going Democratic.

IT appears that the Michigan Democrats are also so foolish as to believe that they know best.

AS WE go along it is just as well to remember that Kansas was the first state to declare for Roosevelt in 1901.

BRYAN calls Theodore Roosevelt a "bloodthirsty president." We think it is about time to quarantine against this man.

FROM the fact that Bob Fitzsimmons has failed to make good with the libel suit we take it that his character is convalescing.

THERE has been no mention of Captain Hobson for several days and we fear the man may be neglecting some opportunity.

MR. CARMACK expects Maine to go Republican. We trust the gentleman's expectations are equipped with a parachute that will open.

NOW they are quarrelling over the reward which was offered for Tracey. Why not give it to the enterprising newspaper correspondents?

IF Mr. Bryan really does decide to go home, his family doubtless will be pleased to embrace this opportunity to become acquainted with him.

IF Mr. Bryan expects to maintain the pace which he set in yesterday's Commoner, he should take the precaution to print the thing on asbestos.

THE fusionists cannot be blamed if they are not just bubbling over with enthusiasm. They are riding fast to the place where the votes are counted.

AS usual, Mr. Craddock did not show up at Circleville. The Democratic candidate for governor has a keen appreciation of the value of side stepping.

THIS is the season of the year when the Rocky Ford cantaloupe makes its appearance in the newspapers. Later on it may be found in the hotels and restaurants.

THE Kansas City World hasn't elected any of the Democratic nominees for Congress in Kansas for several days, and we fear that Bob Ruggles may be sick.

OUR idea of an optimist is the man who hopes that the time may come when Mr. Bryan will be willing to allow somebody else to soak up a little of the political limelight.

THE absence of the mud slinger in this campaign is one of the pleasing features of it. Mud slinging is mean. It never does any good and is productive of a dark brown taste after the unpleasantness is over.

"SHAW opens it," says a newspaper headline. For the benefit of Secretary Shaw's excitable friends it is well to explain that it was not a jackpot which the gentleman opened, but the Republican campaign in Vermont.

THE foreign correspondents who are handling the May Yobe assignment may not know it, but the country could worry through a break in the thread of the narrative and not experience any appreciable discomfort.

SENATOR CARMACK and Mr. Bryan say that the Philippine question will be kept to the forefront of the Democratic national campaign. This would be interesting and important if anybody cared what Mr. Carmack and Mr. Bryan thought about it.

SENATOR HANNA says that the Republicans of Ohio will have to find some one else to take his seat in the Senate, as he wants to quit. There will be no lack of available candidates. All of the Ohioans are not in office, the general impression to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE easy chair critics are having an inning with Explorer Baldwin.

THE Illinois Populists have decided to hold a state convention. What for?

SUPPOSE it should develop that Mr. Craddock never had any explanation to offer?

THE storm of Sunday proves that the tornado, like death, has all seasons for its own.

IT is about time for the anti-imperialists to issue a letter denouncing President Schurman.

THIS is the season of the year when the vital statistics in the cities try to keep pace with the thermometer.

THE persons who walk delicately and live in the soft places of the earth are still on the trail of Explorer Baldwin.

OUR idea of a phenomenon is a man who can keep track of Mr. Bryan's attitude on his candidacy for the presidency.

IT is almost too much to hope, but the time may come when Mr. Bryan will find it necessary to stop talking in order to attract attention.

WHAT a lot of fuss is made over the crowning of a King. In this country we would run out and accomplish a job of that kind during the noon hour.

IT is estimated that it will cost \$400,000 to re-elect the Hon. Billy Mason. We do not believe his re-election is worth more than \$399,000 to the people of Illinois.

IF you are congratulating yourself on the closing of the Tracey incident, you may as well guess again. The Tracey incident will remain open until the prize money is paid.

IN view of the fact that W. H. Craddock has not been elected governor of Kansas by Hugh Farrelly for several days, we take it that Mr. Farrelly's imagination is indisposed.

MR. CRADDOCK may congratulate himself on just one thing: Having no opportunity to judge, the people can never know whether or not he could have reduced their taxes one-half.

MR. BRYAN says that the Republicans of Iowa have endorsed his principles. He also says that the platform adopted will ultimately weaken the party. Mr. Bryan should try getting together.

SENATOR TELLER's term expires on the 4th of next March, and Colorado is now in the Democratic column. Senator Teller's little investment at St. Louis is still paying political dividends.

IN characterizing Mr. Roosevelt as a "bloodthirsty president" Mr. Bryan has succeeded in dispelling the general impression that he had said all the foolish things with which his vocabulary was equipped.

SENATOR STEWART, of Nevada, who was elected to the United States Senate as a Populist, is out with a statement telling how the Republicans are going to get about all the votes in Nevada. How this must jar the Lawrence Jeffersonian Gazette.

CLYDE KNOX who has been furnishing copy for the Coffeyville Journal ever since the present management has had control of the paper, has purchased the Sedan Times-Star and took charge this week. He is a good writer and a practical newspaper man and will undoubtedly make a success of his new undertaking.

EUGENE WARE is discharging employees of the Pension Office for drunkenness. The new commissioner of pensions may "scarce believe a thing of the stories that are told of the moralities of old," but he has a pretty good working idea of morality, as certain bibulous gentlemen are likely to learn to their sorrow.

EVERY Republican convention of the year has endorsed the administration. Kansas was the first state to declare for Roosevelt for president in 1904, and this action was quickly followed by Pennsylvania, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. The gentlemen who are trying hard to discover a breach between the President and his party have a lot more guessing to do.

ANOTHER of Captain Strong's misfortunes is that he has a name with which the paragraphers are able to play ping pong.

STRENUOUS efforts should now be directed toward keeping Senator Carmack out of Pennsylvania. He may also conclude to carry that state for the Democrats.

MR. CARMACK says that the Maine Democrats are pleased with the political outlook, but that they hardly expect to carry the state this time. Mr. Carmack, though, who is in possession of exclusive information, is very sure that the Republicans will be defeated.

SENATOR Bailey says he is going back to Washington to bring about the removal of Judge Penfield. If Senator Bailey is going to remove him via the pugilistic route, we would advise him to pad himself thoroughly before making the attempt. Judge Penfield has a sort of Senator Bailey reputation himself.

THE Democrats of the First District have called a congressional convention. It is said that Walter N. Allen, of Jefferson county, will be nominated to run against Charles Curtis, because he has announced that he will spend \$10,000 in the campaign. We presume Mr. Allen feels that his money needs the exercise.

YET more and more it is evident that the state, and if necessary, the nation, has got to possess the right of supervision and control as regards the great corporations which are its creatures; particularly as regards the great business combinations which derive a portion of their importance from the existence of some monopolistic tendency.—Theodore Roosevelt, in speech at Minneapolis, September 2, 1901.

IT is not only highly desirable, but necessary, that there should be legislation which shall carefully shield the interests of the wage-workers, and which shall discriminate in favor of the honest and humane employer by removing the disadvantage under which he stands when compared with unscrupulous competitors who have no conscience, and will do right only under fear of punishment.—Theodore Roosevelt in speech at Minneapolis, September 2, 1901.

FRA ELBURTUS.
Up at East Aurora, New York, there is a man who styles himself Fra Elburtus, and he publishes a magazine known as the Philistine. It is just a little magazine, and sometimes it is called a freak magazine by the unthinking.

One morning the editor of the Philistine woke up and found himself famous. He had written a piece called "A Message to Garcia." It was a sermon on the sin of indifference. The New York Central & Hudson river railroad thought so much of the sermon that it printed more than a million copies. If a dozen of the company's thousands of employees read the sermon and made it a part of their working capital, the company has got its money back by this time. The philosophy of Fra Elburtus is very simple. Anybody can understand it. It is so easily understood that many persons read it heedlessly, thinking it is not philosophy at all.

Here is some characteristic advice from Fra Elburtus:

"If the concern where you are employed is all wrong, and the Old Man a curmudgeon, it may be well for you to go to the Old Man and confidentially and kindly tell him that he is a curmudgeon. Explain to him that his policy is absurd and preposterous. Then show him how to reform his ways and you might offer to take charge of the concern and cleanse it of its secret faults."

"Do this, or if for any reason you should prefer not, then take your choice of these: Get out or get in line. You have got to do one or the other—now make your choice."

"If he pays you wages that supply your bread and butter, work for him, speak well of him, think well of him, stand by him and stand by the institution he represents."

"I would think if I worked for a man who would not pay me for my time, and the rest of the time work against him. I would give an undivided service or none."

"If put to the pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness."

"You cannot help the Old Man so long as you are explaining in undertone and whisper, by gesture and suggestion, by thought and mental attitude, that he is a curmudgeon and his system dead wrong. You are not necessarily menacing him by stirring up discontent and warming envy into strife, but you are doing this: You are getting yourself upon a well greased chute that will give you a quick ride down and out."

JUDGE GRIGGS' MISTAKE

Judge Griggs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is now sorry that he came out in an interview denouncing the Republican party for the protection of the tin plate industry and other manufacturers.

In this interview the Democratic chairman maintained that a large number of American manufacturers were selling goods in European markets at a much lower figure than they were offering them to the American consumer. For the nonce the Judge thought that he had found the paramount issue for which the Democrats have been searching in vain. Then the Republican editors and tariff experts began to puncture his arguments, showing that his figures were not reliable, and that they did not, in most instances agree with the facts.

After his arguments concerning tin plate had been exploded, Judge Griggs appeared in another interview, in which, while hedging on his original statements, he insisted that the tin plate he referred to in his talk did not go to Europe as tin plate, but in the form of manufactured cans and tins containing the product of American factories. At any rate he wanted to make it plain that the tin plate industry was being excessively protected. His more recent interview fell into the hands of Charles Dick, secretary of the Republican national committee, who went through the long fight in which the Democrats contended that tin plate could never be profitably manufactured in this country. General Dick predicted that the day would come when the Democrats would protest against the protection of tin plate, and he has already seen the fulfillment of his prophecy. In discussing the interview of the Democratic congressional chairman, General Dick said:

"Ten years ago the Democrats insisted that we could not make tin plate in this country. We made 40,000,000 pounds of it in 1894 and last year the output aggregated 278,000,000 pounds. Ten years ago the Democratic party contended that we could not make tin plate at all in the United States. Today the leaders of that party complain because we make so much of it under the Republican policy of protection to American industries and at such prices that, in the face of foreign competition, we are able not only to supply the demands for home consumption, but to sell our surplus product in the markets of the world."

"It is very kind, however, for prominent Democrats like Col. Bryan and Chairman Griggs thus early to announce free trade and free silver as paramount issues of the ensuing campaign thus reminding the voters of all parties of the dismal and unfortunate conditions which prevailed throughout our country from 1893 to 1897 under Democratic free trade, and forcibly calling attention to the marvelous prosperity which has come to us since the rehabilitation of Republican policies immediately succeeding the inauguration of William McKinley as President of the United States."

"The prosperity of the people has been marked in every branch of industry. Wages have advanced, the number of persons employed has greatly increased, the products of the farms have doubled in value, and the earnings and savings of the people have largely increased. Deposits in the savings banks of the country, those depositories of the surplus funds of the workingman, the pensioner, the widow and the orphan, were \$890,000,000 greater in the single year of 1901 than in 1890. The individual deposits in the national banks of the country were \$1,342,800,000 greater in 1901 than in 1890. Thus the individual deposits in the savings and national banks of the country now exceed those of 1890 by the enormous sum of \$2,014,000,000."

"Official records show great prosperity among the people engaged in each and all of the great industries of the country—the farmer, the manufacturer and his millions of wage earners, and those engaged in the mines and forests."

"The value of the livestock on the farms of the country, which was reported by the agricultural department in 1890 at \$1,727,920,000, is reported at \$2,381,054,115 by the census of 1900. The census reports show an increase of \$4,521,000,000 in the value of farm products in 1900, compared with 1890. With the increased activity, increased earnings and increased consumption, the farmer has received greatly increased prices for his products. The agricultural department reports an increase of more than \$350,000,000 in the farm value of the cereals alone in 1900, compared with 1890, these figures being those of the actual value upon the farm, before leaving the hands of the producers, while other articles of farm production show an equal advance in value. The exportation of agricultural products increased from \$570,000,000 in 1890 to \$944,000,000 in 1901, an increase of \$374,000,000 in the mere surplus remaining, after supplying the great and rapidly expanding home market. The Republican party has nothing to fear from the decision of the issues which Democratic leaders have announced. Its policies for forty years have been based upon protection and sound money."

MISSOURI jokes Kansas, hence the unanimity with which the Kansas papers are printing this: A notice posted on a fence near Holden, Mo., reads like this: "Lo Sed, I white can't mit him hind legs blak. He is one she caff. He is mine, John."

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He met her in the meadow
As the sun was shining low;
They walked along together
In the twilight's afterglow.
She waited, while gallantly
He lowered all the bars,
Her soft eyes bent upon him,
As radiant as the stars.
But she neither smiled nor thanked him.
Because she knew not how:
For he was just a farmer lad
And she a Jersey cow.

Kansas Clips and Comments

Miss May June, of Parsons, ought—if there is anything in a name—to be an ideal summer girl.

A thief entered a Coffeyville home and when the owner came home threw pepper in her eyes and fled.

Mrs. Witwer, aged 33 of Coffeyville is a grandmother. Her married daughter aged 17 recently became a mother.

Parsons Elks will erect a Club House. Ground will be broken soon, and shortly later the Elks will be broke.

Now there is a rivalry as to who has grown the biggest sundower, an Ottawa man claiming one 13 inches in diameter.

That LaCygne man who shipped three live coons to Oregon need never expect to get any colored votes if he runs for office.

A jointlist out in western Kansas has this frank sign over his door: "If drinking interferes with your business, quit your business."

F. R. Zacharias of Harper has resigned from the Hutchinson reform board and Chas. Hull of Kirwin, has been appointed to the place.

George Tucker, the young editor of the Eureka Herald, has been nominated by the Republicans for representative from Greenwood county.

The Wichita Eagle thinks that the man who located the hottest place on earth in Asia Minor never penetrated the middle of a Kansas cornfield in August.

A Brown county farmer had a crowd of girls picnicking arrested for taking twelve roasting ears from his large field. And the girls' ears turned pink with shame and anger.

Part of the Kansas exhibit at St. Louis will be a baby show. The exhibit of young Jayhawkers will probably be located in the aviary.

Coffeyville's big flouring mill companies have united, the Rea-Patterson buying the McGrew mill for \$125,000. The combined capacity is 2,200 barrels daily.

Uncle Sam has at last decided to give up trying to make the Missouri river navigable. 'Twere better to devote the same money to making it tillable.

Neodesha is knocking off Fredonia's county fair, because Fredonia sent to Neodesha's Fourth of July celebration "a woman, a baby, the sheriff, county attorney and a mangy pup."

Candidate Craddock says he has no fear of meeting Bailey. This is doubtless his opinion since he has discovered that he can certainly run away faster than Bailey can pursue.

The Concordia Blade tells of a horse standing near a threshing machine. A switch of the tail and the horse was yanked around and several inches of his tail bone cut off in the thrasher.

Prof. Snow says the reason water-melons will be scarce is because the weather has not been hot enough for them this season. The melon must be nearly as unreasonable as some people.

A gas well 382 feet deep at Eureka is said to spout burning gas over fifty feet. People always accuse reporters of lying, but they would mob a reporter who stuck to the truth about the town's gas well.

Emporia Gazette: Wanted, an able bodied man to do the sweating for an editor during the dull month of August. No education nor experience required. Address "Trouble" care of Gazette. No salary.

A Montana man, formerly of Kansas, said to a local reporter: "There is a growing suspicion that the notorious ones will not be definitely located until the devil gets ready to speak."

In its column headed "Social Circles," the Ottawa Herald sees fit to print this suggestive insinuation:

There was a young girl from Siam
Who said to her lover named Piam:
To kiss me, of course, you'll have to use force,
And the Lord knows you're stronger than I am.

"The light of my life has gone out," was the epitaph a Topeka man put on his wife's tombstone. Six months later he married again. The other day he visited the graveyard, and was surprised to find, scratched beneath the epitaph: "Yes, but you found another match."

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J. W. Gillette, a brother of the absconding Grant, recently failed at Woodbine for \$125,000.

An Abilene man is named Tell Nutt. What a shame his first name was not Peter, so he could sign it: P. Nutt.

The United Brethren have just closed a camp meeting at Robinson that was attended by over a thousand people.

Three traveling men have started to raise a fund of \$800 among traveling men, to appeal Jessie Morrison's case again. They must wait herlocked up for life.

According to the government census bulletin just issued Kansas has 175,008 farms with an average acreage of 240 acres. Sixty per cent of the farm land is improved.

With a strike in the Kansas coal field imminent the Lawrence Journal is unfeeling enough to say that the corn husks are growing long which means a cold, hard winter.

The coal operators and miners, still trying at Pittsburg to arrange a scale for next year, cannot agree and as the present contract expires August 31, a general strike is now predicted.

The Wellington News says if trusts keep gobbling things and raising prices the average young man will soon be unable to marry. The moral of this is obvious: Marry at once.

The Populist organization of Dickinson county at a recent meeting adjourned sine die. You know what "die" means. The not of the expression is contained in the word "die."

George Tucker, of the Eureka Herald, who has just successfully landed the nomination for representative, feelingly starts his editorial page off thus: "It's all right to believe that which you hear of others, if it is a good report."

Here's one of the first. It is from the Douglas Tribune. A farm lad climbed a cornstalk to wave his hat at a passing train. He fell from his position and but for his agility in landing on an ear some six feet from the ground would have been killed.

The ladies of Winfield supplied the city with garbage cans, solely for the reception of waste paper and clean, non-odorous rubbish. But every can emptying day the populace longs to leave town. Seldom has anything raised such a stink in the gentle city.

A young man of Ft. Scott, who was arrested for attempting suicide, argued in court that he has every right to kill himself if he sees fit. Still, a man with those sentiments ought not to monkey with Fate. Fate doubtless intended that he should be hung.

Tom P. Morgan, an humorist formerly of Garnett but now of Rogers, Ark., is spending his summer vacation at Garnett. Morgan sells many jokes to Judge and Puck, but it is hardly discernible where he finds the joke of spending any time in Garnett.

A "deaf and dumb" beggar worked Pittsburg the other day until he reached a certain house. While waiting at the door the family bull dog approached him, growling. The man without ears turned quickly, fled to the fence, and as the dog took a bite out of his trousers, gave a very undumblike yell.

A boy has been arrested in Topeka for beating a slot machine. He has a system that is so successful that he was barred by all machine owners in Kansas City. The Topeka machine paid cigars and was built to beat people out of their nickles. The boy won 1,000 cigars and his father had to pay his fine and for the cigars. Who says Justice is blind?

The Cherryvale News says five prominent Republican politicians of that city attended a Populist convention. Becoming thirsty they found beer in a joint and while drinking were surprised by the editor of a Populist paper. They begged him to keep quiet, but he said: "My paper is \$1 a year." He added five new subscribers in rapid succession.

In a recent speech at Seneca, John H. Atwood paid a glowing tribute to the cherry lips, the alabaster brows, the willowy forms, the soulful eyes of the girls of Nemaha county and then arraigned W. J. Bailey, who has lived among them, as a "runtly old bachelor," fit only to superintend a veterans' home. Can it be that the women are behind this scheme to have a mistress in the mansion?

A Kansas editor with leisure for wide reading has discovered this: Instead of "cast off clothing," as we say in America, the English use the expression "left off clothing." For this reason there is considerable humor, from the American point of view, in the announcement in an English paper that "Mr. and Mrs. Brown have left off clothing of every description and invite your careful inspection."

HUNDREDS of thousands of the following cards are appearing in various Illinois towns: "Senator William E. Mason, Illinois' favorite son, will soon visit your town. Kindly invite all the neighbors for miles around, and give him a grand welcome, as he is one of our nation's best men. Be sure and bring the big and little folks, mothers, wives, sweethearts, brothers, and sisters, and we will have a 'hot time' when Billie Mason comes to this town."